

Marion Co. ATC Summer Career Camp June 7 – July 2, 2004

“The camp primarily served 8th grade transition students. A wonderful addition to the camp was having both the high school math/science instructor and middle school counselor engaged in activities. They provided a valuable addition to the camp and now have a better understanding of the programs we offer at the ATC. It was a win for the students, the teachers and our school.”

Howard Carey
Principal





Machine Tool Technology Instructor Paul Spalding shows students how to use the basic commands of computer aided drafting (CAD) to set up a blueprint.

“By enrolling in this camp, these kids are getting a taste of high school life right now and we make them feel better about their education,” says Machine Tool Technology Instructor Paul Spalding. “In this camp, the kids are getting a glimpse of every program we offer at this school. This is an early step in exploring different careers they may want to pursue in the future.”

Students in Mr. Spalding’s class were introduced to computer aided drafting by way of learning basic commands to set up a blueprint - this introduced the concept of calculating coordinated planes.

“In any automated function, kids use an X,Y, and Z axis. In this machine tool technology session, we have combined efforts with the math instructor to provide these kids with a reason to learn the importance of math,” says Spalding.





**“I get to use the math skills that I have learned. I understand and can help the others. I'm going to take carpentry, welding and machine tool when I get to high school because these classes will be valuable to me.”
Hannah Winsor
(student in red shirt)**



“My job is to show kids why the math course at the high school is important to the courses at the technology center. I'm learning as much from this camp as the kids,” says Marion Co. HS math and science instructor Sally Thompson. “As a result of this camp, I'm going to have my algebra class do an integration project with the technology center.”

Counseling – Art Therapy

Charlotte Moffitt, a counselor, was brought in to help kids better understand themselves and the field of counseling. She developed an art therapy collage project where each student was given three sheets of paper. The kids were provided with an array of magazines. The assignment was to find photos that depict where they think they are currently in life (the pictures portray how each views him or herself). The third piece of paper has a picture of where they want to be when they are 25 years old. The second sheet of paper or “the bridge” is a collage of photos or pictures showing, “What do I do to get where I want to be?”



"I love using art therapy with preventative measures to help people stay on a positive track," says Charlotte. "Counseling is critical and I was appreciative that this component was used in the camp in order to help in choosing a career. It's been a positive experience."



"I learned more about me and what I'm doing now. All I do in my spare time is work on cars and 4-wheelers. I found out that I know more than I think I do. I have confidence, but now I have more confidence in what I can do."

Student Kayla Orbersen

"I think it's a fun activity because you get to figure out the person inside of you."

Student Tara Erskine

Teachers involved in the Marion Co. ATC Career Summer Camp included Automotive Technology Instructor Trent May; Carpentry Instructor Danny Taylor; Computer Aided Drafting/Machine Tool Technology Instructors Chris Sublett and Paul Spalding; Industrial Maintenance Technology Instructor Doug Shive; Welding Instructor Steve McDaniel; Counselor Charlotte Moffitt; and Marion Co. HS Math and Science Instructor Sally Thompson.



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